

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of synchronizing a formatted presentation data stream to a clock, the method comprising:

demultiplexing the formatted presentation data stream into a plurality of data streams;

comparing a time stamp of one or more time stamps embedded in the formatted presentation data stream to time indicated by the clock to determine a relationship between a stamp time indicated by the time stamp and the time indicated by the clock, the time stamp corresponding to an external clock of a source providing the formatted presentation data stream, the clock being different from the external clock;

adjusting a first data stream of the plurality of data streams to synchronize the first data stream to the clock, resulting in an adjusted first data stream; and

synchronizing a second data stream to the plurality of data streams to the adjusted first data stream;

wherein, when the step of comparing results in a determination that the time indicated by the clock leads by at least a predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp, the step of adjusting comprises averaging one or more samples of the first data stream into an average value and inserting the average value into the first data stream one or more times.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 16, wherein the step of comparing is performed at periodic intervals.

18. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 17, wherein the periodic intervals are spaced about 10 minutes apart.

19. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 17, wherein the periodic intervals are spaced between 5 and 10 minutes apart.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 17, wherein the periodic intervals are spaced about 15 minutes apart.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 17, wherein the formatted presentation data stream comprises MPEG coded data, the first data stream comprises audio data, and the second data stream comprises video data.

22. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 16, wherein the formatted presentation data stream

comprises MPEG coded data, the first data stream comprises audio data, and the second data stream comprises video data.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 16, wherein the step of adjusting comprises duplicating one or more samples of the first data stream and inserting the duplicated one or more samples into the first data stream when the step of comparing results in an additional determination that the time indicated by the clock leads by at least an additional predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 16, wherein the step of adjusting comprises dropping one or more samples of the first data stream when the step of comparing results in a determination that the time indicated by the clock lags by at least a predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp.

26. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 16, further comprising detecting the time stamp.

27. (Previously Presented) A method of synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 16, further comprising:

presenting data of the first data stream and the second data stream after the step of synchronizing.

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for synchronizing a formatted presentation data stream to a clock, the apparatus comprising:

a demultiplexer capable of demultiplexing the formatted presentation data stream into a plurality of data streams, the plurality of data streams comprising a first data stream and a second data stream;

a comparator capable of comparing a time stamp of one or more time stamps embedded in the formatted presentation data stream to time indicated by the clock to determine a relationship between a stamp time indicated by the time stamp and the time indicated by the clock, the time stamp corresponding to an external clock of a source providing the formatted presentation data stream, the clock being different from the external clock;

an adjustor capable of adjusting the first data stream to synchronize the first data stream to the clock, resulting in an adjusted first data stream; and

a synchronizer capable of synchronizing the second data stream to the adjusted first data stream;

wherein, when the comparator produces a determination that the time indicated by the clock leads by at least a predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp, the adjustor averages one or more samples of the first data stream into an average value and inserts the average value into the first data stream on or more times.

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, wherein the comparator performs comparisons at periodic intervals.

30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, wherein the comparator performs comparisons at periodic intervals spaced about 10 minutes apart.

31. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, wherein the comparator performs comparisons at periodic intervals spaced between 5 and 10 minutes apart.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, wherein the comparator performs comparisons at periodic intervals spaced about 15 minutes apart.

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, wherein the formatted presentation data stream comprises ing MPEG coded data, the first data stream comprises digital audio data, and the second data stream comprises digital video data.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 33, further comprising:

- a first converter configured to convert the digital audio data to analog audio data;
- an audio presentation device configured to present the analog audio data;
- a second converter configured to convert the digital video data into analog video data; and
- a video presentation device configured to present the analog video data.

35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, wherein adjustor is capable of duplicating one or more samples of the first data stream and inserting the duplicated one or more samples into the first data stream when the comparator produces an additional determination that the time indicated by the clock leads by at least an additional predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, wherein the adjustor is capable of dropping one or more samples of the first data stream when the comparator produces a determination that the time indicated by the clock lags by at least a predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for synchronizing the formatted presentation data stream to the clock according to claim 28, further comprising a time stamp detector capable of detecting the time stamp.

39. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a memory storing program code, the program code comprising instructions that, when executed by at least one processor of a device comprising a clock and capable of receiving a formatted presentation data stream, cause the at least one processor to perform the following steps:

demultiplexing the formatted presentation data stream into a plurality of data streams;

comparing a time stamp of one or more time stamps embedded in the formatted presentation data stream to time indicated by the clock to determine a relationship between a stamp time indicated by the time stamp and the time indicated by the clock, the time stamp corresponding to an external clock of a source providing the formatted presentation data stream, the clock being different from the external clock;

adjusting a first data stream of the plurality of data streams to synchronize the first data stream to the clock, resulting in an adjusted first data stream; and

synchronizing a second data stream to the plurality of data streams to the adjusted first data stream;

wherein, when the step of comparing results in a determination that the time indicated by the clock leads by at least a predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp, instructions cause the at least one processor to average one or more samples of the first data stream into an average value and insert the average value into the first data stream on or more times.

40. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 39, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor cause the processor to perform the step of comparing at periodic intervals.

41. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 40, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor cause the at least one processor to perform the step of comparing at the periodic intervals spaced about 10 minutes apart.

42. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 40, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor cause the at least one processor

to perform the step of comparing at the periodic intervals spaced between 5 and 10 minutes apart.

43. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 40, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor cause the at least one processor to perform the step of comparing at the periodic intervals spaced about 15 minutes apart.

44. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture according to claim 40, wherein the formatted presentation data stream comprises ~~ing~~ MPEG coded data, the first data stream comprises audio data, and the second data stream comprises video data.

45. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 39, wherein the formatted presentation data stream comprises MPEG coded data, the first data stream comprises audio data, and the second data stream comprises video data.

46. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture according to claim 39, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor in the course of performing the step of adjusting, cause the at least one processor to duplicate one or more samples of the first data stream and insert the duplicated one or more samples into the first data stream when the step of comparing results in an additional determination that the time indicated by the clock leads by at least an additional predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 39, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor cause the at least one processor, in the course of performing the step of adjusting, to drop one or more samples of the first data stream when the step of comparing results in a determination that the time indicated by the clock lags by at least a predetermined amount the stamp time indicated by the time stamp.

49. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 39, wherein the program code further comprises instructions that, when executed by the at least one processor cause the at least one processor to detect the time stamp.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising:

receiving the formatted data stream from the source including the external clock.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the clock is a local clock.

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28 further comprising:

an interface for receiving the formatted data stream from the source including the external clock.

53. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the clock is a local clock.

54. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 39, wherein the program code further includes instructions that, when executed by at least one processor of a

device comprising a clock and capable of receiving a formatted presentation data stream,
cause the at least one processor to perform the following steps:

receiving the formatted data stream from the source including the external clock.

55. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 39 wherein the clock is a
local clock.